



GAMES DESIGNER

**INTERESTING TECH JOBS IN THE
NORTH EAST**



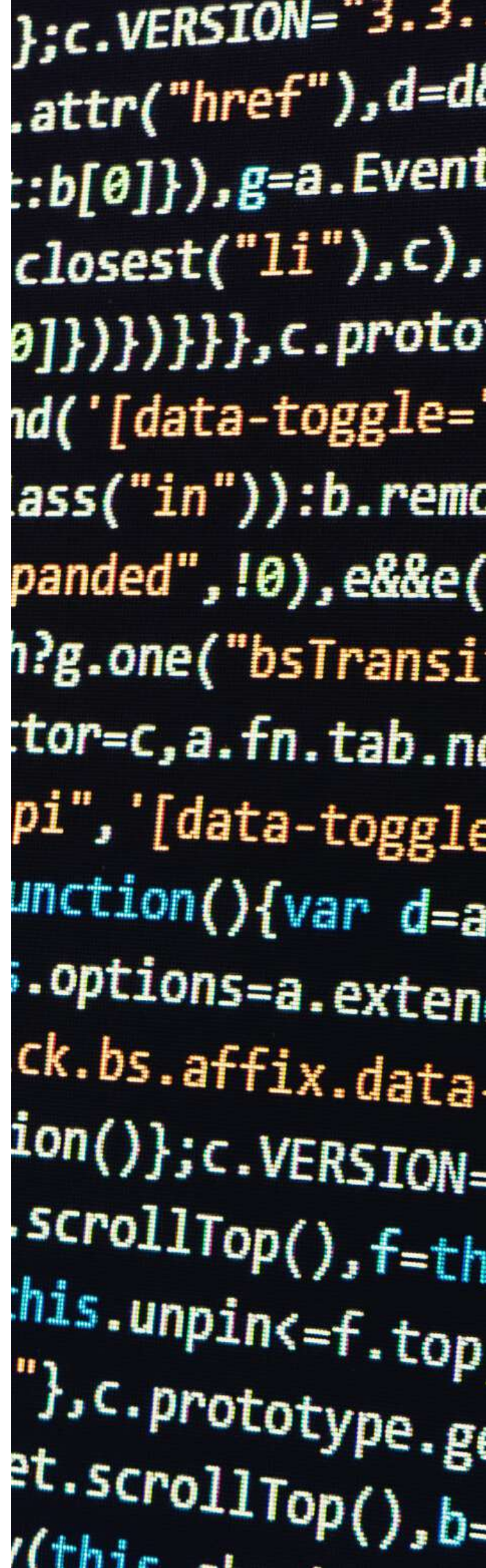
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OVERVIEW

As a games designer, you'll play a major part in creating and producing new characters and games. You'll brainstorm and use your ideas and creativity to design the characters, the narrative of the game and the mechanics. You'll also design maintainable systems that are easy and comfortable to use, while infusing fun into the user experience!! Games are played on numerous platforms, the most common of which are PC, mobile and console. Some of the tasks you'll do include planning the details of a new game, creating concept documents, designing storyboards and writing scripts.

REGIONAL PRESENCE

The north east has 58 games companies located in the region, with some being world renowned and industry leaders! Did you know that AtomHawk and Ubisoft are located in the region?! Games companies here work on some of the most popular games on the market for a variety of platforms, including console, PC, mobile, and VR! With incredible facilities in the region, such as PROTO, it's no wonder companies in the gaming industry choose to headquarter themselves in the region. The industry is expanding, so there are lots of opportunities to get work in this field as a games designer.



SKILLS REQUIRED

Some skills you'd need to excel in this role include:

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Communication

Whether working on your own or in a team, you'll need to communicate with a variety of people, so being able to speak, listen and write about the ideas and the project is vital.

Computer literate

You'll need to have a good understanding of computer language and be comfortable using and working with many programmes on a computer.

Creativity

You'll need to use imagination and be innovative when designing games, so being able to think of new, fun ideas is key.

Teamwork

You'll collaborate with others to create a finished game, so working well in a team is highly essential.

EDUCATIONAL ROUTES

You can study level 2 and 3 courses in game design at colleges in the region like Sunderland and Gateshead, which will be more than enough education to help you find work in the industry. However, for those looking to go to onto university for higher education, Sunderland and Teesside University both offer fantastic courses in games design and development that will give you the necessary skills and experience required by industry.

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